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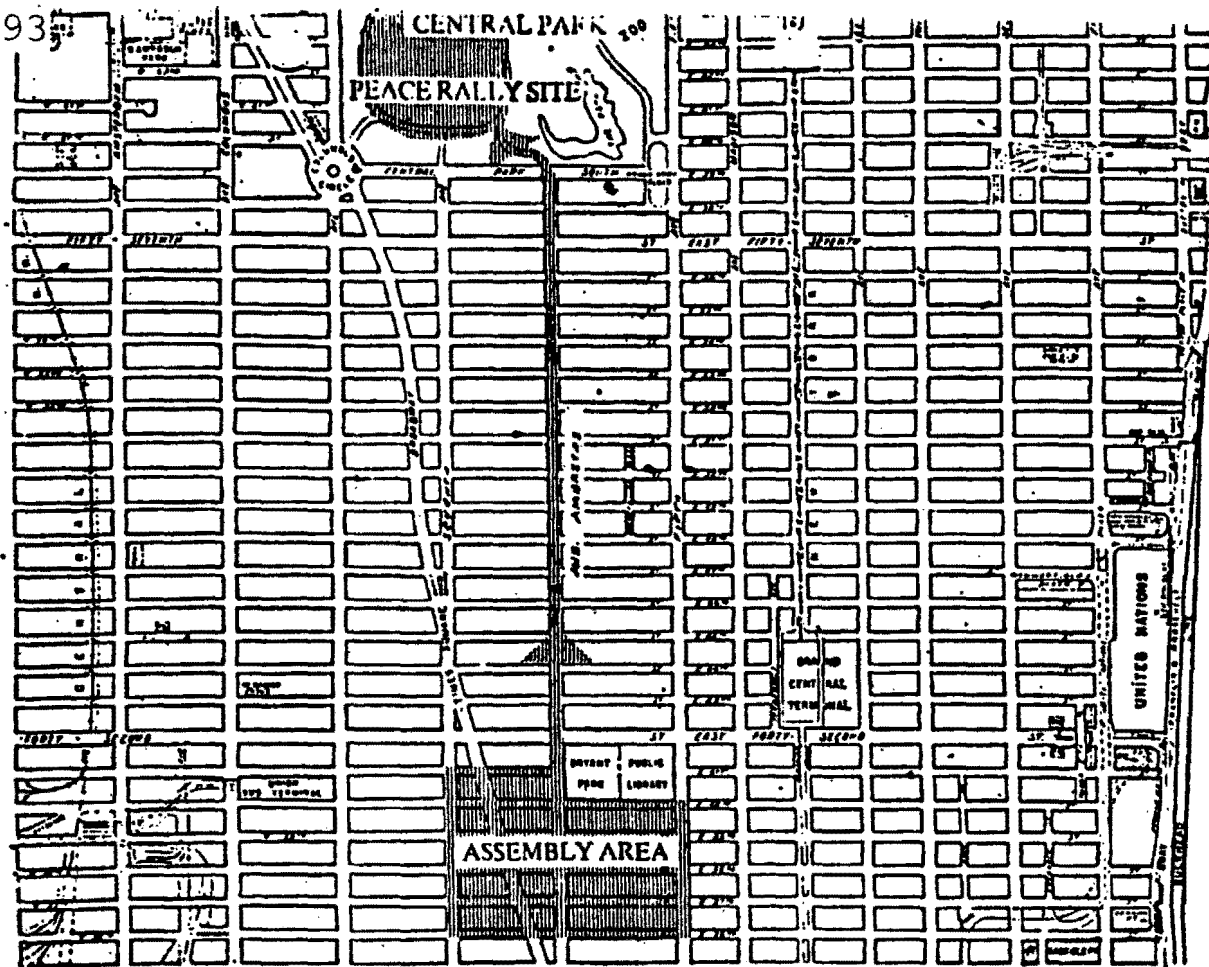
The National Peace Action Coalition and the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice which operate independently and have serious disagreements on many basic issues, reportedly are jointly sponsoring and mobilizing support for the November 6 demonstrations in major cities. The cities mentioned so far are Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa and Washington, D.C. Senators Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) John Tunney (D-Calif.), and Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) have endorsed the November 6 demonstration against the war (as well as the wage freeze). Activists have gained some minor additional support from leaders of organized labor (not from rank and file). It is not believed that the scheduled demonstrations will be disruptive or particularly spectacular in terms of the number of participants.

Recent events staged in Washington by the CPUSA influenced PCPJ under the perennial leadership of Dave Dellinger, Rennie Davis, Father Groppi, Dr. Spock, and other left-wing radicals were as predicted, disappointing. The antiwar movement is in rapid retreat and observers see little chance for a successful showing on Saturday. Crowds in the various cities will range from several hundred to several thousand with the greatest participation expected in New York, Boston, San Francisco and Washington.

Although joint sponsorship has been publicized, events scheduled on the sixth are clearly being staged by the Trotskyite family of organizations (SWP, YSA, Student Mobilization and the National Peace Action Coalition). This group continues to adhere to a legal, non-confrontational and non-violent strategy and even if numbers of demonstrators exceed expectations, no serious or threatening incidents are anticipated. There will be the usual marches, speeches and slogans but little enthusiasm. The only change in the composition of the crowd will be the reduced college student participation. As in the past, blacks will stay away in droves.

No threat to CIA facilities is expected. Violence will be precipitated only by small splinter groups such as the dregs of the old May Day Collective, the YIPPIES and the like, if it occurs at all. November 6 may be the last conventional antiwar demonstration the nation will have to endure for many seasons. The attached article appeared in the New York Times October 31st and contains a map of the route of assembly points in New York City and the schedule of rallies in other cities.

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We don't know how many people we can fit into midtown Manhattan.
 Help us find out on Saturday, November 6.

NEW YORK TIMES 3 1 OCT 1971

November 6 is the day to join the growing antiwar sentiment in this country. It's Peace Action Day and it starts at 10:00 a.m. in New York and 16 other major cities across the country. It's the day for massive, peaceful, non-confrontational demonstrations to let Nixon know that even one American death in a war the majority of Americans no longer support is one death too many.

Nixon believes he can pursue his war policy unfettered by public opinion because the American people no longer care. He's wrong.

He got out of Cambodia because hundreds of thousands of Americans rose up in horror at his renewed escalation of the war. He set a gradual withdrawal policy because the peace movement expanded to include more and more of Middle America—labor unions, professional groups and businessmen—who demand we get out now.

More than 170 labor leaders throughout the country are supporting the November 6 peace actions. Working people in unprecedented numbers will be joining with hundreds of other groups.

Nixon will be watching. Remember, to him antiwar people who stay home are the same as supporters of the war. Come out on November 6 to show Nixon more of us are for peace than ever before and that the way to peace is: Halt the Bombings Now. Return All U.S. Troops and Materiel Now. End the Financial and Military Support to the Thieu Dictatorship Now.

Assembly Time: 10:00 a.m.

Assembly Area: 36th St. to 41st St., from 5th to 7th Aves.

36th St., W. of 6th—Notables, GIs, Vietnam Vets, other Veterans.
 E. of 6th—Labor.

37th St., W. of 6th—Community Organizations, Gay Contingent, Professional Groups, Religious Groups, Artists and Writers.
 E. of 6th—Women's Groups, Adult Peace Groups, Political Parties.

38th St., W. of 6th—Out-of-Town Groups.
 E. of 6th—Black, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Asian-American Contingents.

39th St., W. of 6th—High School Students.
 E. of 6th—Campus Groups.

40th St., E. and W. of 6th—General and other groups.

41st St., W. of 6th—General and other groups.

Feeder walks from Upper West Side and Washington Square areas plus others are scheduled. Call (212) 741-2018 for more information.

Line of March: Uptown to Central Park.

Rally: 1:00 p.m.—Sheep Meadow, Central Park.

Special transportation arrangements from Queens, Staten Island, Westchester, Long Island and New Jersey. For information, call (212) 741-2018.

Other demonstration cities:

City & Assembly Points Rally Site	
Atlanta	Civic Ctr. Parking Area— Capitol Bldg. Steps—2 pm 11 am
Boston	Tremont & Massachusetts Boston Commons—2 pm —noon
Chicago	State & Wacker—11 am Grant Park—2 pm
Cleveland	East 24th & Euclid—noon Public Square—2 pm
Denver	City Park—1 pm State Capitol—2:30 pm
Detroit	Wayne State U.—11 am Kennedy Square—1:30 pm
Houston	City Hall—noon Hermann Park—2:30 pm
Los Angeles	MacArthur Park—9 am City Hall—1:30 pm
Minneapolis	U. of Minn. campus—11 am State Capitol—3 pm
Phoenix	Encanto Park—10:30 am Municipal Bldg. Plaza 1:30 pm
Philadelphia	Independence Hall—11 am Art Museum—2 pm
San Francisco	Embarcadero Plaza—9 am Polo Field—1:30 pm
Salt Lake City	Capitol Hill—10 am Liberty Park—2 pm
Seattle	Fed. Court House—noon Volunteer Park—3 pm
Tampa	Public Library—11 am County Court House —noon
Washington, D.C.	Capitol or Arling. Cem. Ellipse—1 pm —11 am

We need thousands of volunteers for parade marshals and other assistance. Call (212) 741-2018.
 We need money. Send check to National Peace Action Coalition, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*3 November, Bethesda, Maryland

A fund-raising event is scheduled on the above date to help finance the mounting cost of the fall antiwar offensive. The affair, jointly sponsored by the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice and the National Peace Action Coalition, has been planned for 8 p.m. at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, 9601 Cedar Lane.

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*3 November, Nationwide

The National Peace Action Coalition has called for a national student strike on the above date. The student mobilization committee, which is controlled by the Young Socialist Alliance, the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party, has proposed that on this date college and high school students will go into nearby communities to build support for the NPAC mass march scheduled for 6 November. There has been little evidence in recent weeks that the scheduled student strike has much potential for success.

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*4-25 November, Washington, D.C.

Rosmary Reuther, a student at Howard University and recently a juror on the peoples panel (peoples grand jury), has announced that beginning November 4 and continuing through Thanksgiving 300 persons per day from various cities are signing up to stage a sit-down protest against the war in front of the White House. November 23 is designated as Washington, D.C.'s day.

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*6 November, Washington, D.C.

The Washington Area Peace Action Coalition, an adjunct of the NPAC announced that a rally will be held at the Ellipse at 1 p.m. on the above date with participants feeding into that point from assembly areas at Arlington Cemetery, the Capitol steps and Malcolm X Park (Meridian Hill Park). The Washington Area Peace Action Coalition estimates 60,000 people will participate in this rally. On the evening of November 6 the PCPJ will sponsor an all-night march at Washington to promote once again the Peoples Peace Treaty, a document drafted last Christmas by North and South Vietnamese Communists and American radicals at Hanoi. The estimate of the number of participants is regarded as grossly exaggerated.

NY Times 31 Oct - Guardian 1 Nov
Washington 20 Oct - FBI IN 4126600 8 Oct

*7 November, Washington, D.C.

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice plan a fall rally in Washington on the above date. The rally may be cancelled. If it is held, it is expected to be lightly attended and ineffective.

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*8 November, Washington, D.C.

Massive non-violent demonstrations to move the government to "set the date" for withdrawal of all armed forces from Indochina and to demand full employment was previously scheduled. This demonstration is not expected to attract much interest if any. *11/11 IN 420127 23 Oct 71*

*8-25 November, Washington, D.C.

The War Resisters League, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam are planning to demonstrate on the above dates. This demonstration has been termed the "Death Toll Project" and is designed to dramatize the number of deaths occurring daily in Vietnam. These groups reportedly will attempt, through civil disobedience, to force 300 arrests a day at the White House by jamming and blocking the gates. Headquarters for this project is located at 245 Second Street N.E. Washington, D.C. Longtime activist Ron Young of the Fellowship of Reconciliation is project director. *11/11 IN 450916 20 Oct 71*

*9 November, Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles Peace Action Council has announced a demonstration at the Berkeley Wilshire Hotel on the above date when President Nixon is scheduled to attend a campaign dinner. *11/11 IN 420201 23 Oct 71*

*12 November, Alameda, California

A group of enlisted men from the aircraft carrier Coral Sea has reported that nearly a fourth of the crew has signed a petition protesting the vessel's return to Vietnam on 12 November. Their petition will be presented in Congress by Representative Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.). Larry Harris, a crewman from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a spokesman for the petition signers, told newsmen that if the petition does not work, the group has other means to prevent the departure of the Coral Sea. He declined to specify what he meant. Harris said his group calls itself "S.O.S." an acronym for "save our ship." *11/11 IN 444269 23 Oct 71*

*14 November, Kansas City, Missouri

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War, an organization of veterans opposed to the continuation of the war in Southeast Asia, is planning a strategy conference of regional coordinators and members of the steering committee on the above date. Approximately 50 members of the organization are expected to attend. The proposed purpose of the meeting is to decide the nature of antiwar actions that the organization is planning to conduct at Washington, D.C. in late November this year. *14 NOV - 11/11 IN 45661 20 Oct 71*

*Mid-November, Washington, D.C.

A demonstration sponsored by the PCPJ in Washington, D.C. on 26 October was supported by only 600 participants. Demonstration leaders had predicted between 5,000 and 10,000 would attend. Two hundred and ninety-eight antiwar demonstrators including Rennie Davis, David Dellinger, and *11/11 IN 45661 20 Oct 71*

Rev. James Groppi were arrested when they blocked the intersection of 15th and H Street. The trial of those arrested is scheduled for mid-November, and those failing to appear will forfeit \$50 collateral. *Wash Post 28 Oct 71*

*20 November, Washington, D. C. and San Francisco

The Women's National Abortion Action Coalition reportedly is sponsoring marches in Washington, D. C. and San Francisco, California on the above date to demand the repeal of abortion laws. *FBI IN 444269/28 12 Oct 71*
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*20-21 November, New York City

The U.S. Servicemen's Fund and the Entertainment Industry for Peace and Justice are jointly sponsoring a tour of U.S. Army installations in Asia in coming months. The 15-member troupe of antiwar entertainers including Jane Fonda, Donald Sutherland, and Dick Gregory, will present its show entitled "Salute to the GI Movement" at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum over the weekend of November 20 and 21. The New York presentation is designed to raise funds for the Asian tour.

In addition to the regular cast of the show, the Madison Square Garden production will feature prominent rock groups, a contingent from the Broadway theater and other well-known actors and entertainers. Among those scheduled to appear are Country Joe McDonald, Swamp Dogg, Len Chandler, Ossie Davis, and Rita Martinson.

The troupe plans to leave the U.S. November 24 and will appear at 11 different base areas in Japan, Okinawa, Hawaii and the Philippines from late November to Christmas. The troupe has applied to General Creighton Abrams and the U.S. Army for official permission to present their show on military bases and has also requested clearance to travel to South Vietnam and South Korea to perform for U.S. soldiers in those areas. The troupe has also addressed a letter to President Nixon asking him to expedite their request to Abrams. Anticipating that their request will be either denied or ignored, the U.S. Servicemen's Fund is prepared to file suit for an injunction that would require the military to give them permission to perform. USSF will make provisions for alternate facilities in case the army refused permission for the show to play at the bases. The purpose of this overseas tour of the antiwar show, which has played at GI coffee houses throughout the U.S. for the past 7 months, was to show "solidarity with the GI's there and with the Asian people who seek an end to hostilities." *Goodman 20 Oct 71 -*

*25 November, Nationwide

John Kerry, leader of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, speaking at a news conference asked all veterans to fast on Thanksgiving Day to protest the Southeast Asia War. He urged active members of the military to demonstrate their opposition to the war by sacrificing their Thanksgiving Day meal. The fast would be conducted from dawn to dusk throughout the United States. Mr. Kerry asked American families to have a simple meal rather than the traditional feast. *Wash Post 20 Oct 71*

29 November, Baltimore

The above date has been set for the re-trial of attorney Arthur Turco, Jr.,
alleged accessory in the murder of a Baltimore Black Panther.

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